

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

All information in the Initial Statement of Reasons is still current.

a) Local Mandate Statement

These regulations do not impose a mandate upon local agencies and school districts. There are no "state-mandated local costs" in these regulations which require state reimbursement under Section 17500 et seq. of the Government Code (GC) because any costs associated with the implementation of these regulations are costs mandated by the federal government within the meaning of Section 17513 of the GC.

b) Statement of Alternatives Considered

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) considered alternatives other than developing regulations and, pursuant to Government Code section 11346.9(a)(4), determined that no reasonable alternative considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of CDSS would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

c) Statement of Significant Adverse Economic Impact On Business

The CDSS determined that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. This determination was made based on the knowledge that this there would be a cost savings is when a child is adopted, as the state no longer pays for foster care.

d) Testimony and Response

These regulations were considered as Item #1 at the public hearing held on November 8, 2017, in Sacramento, California. No written or oral testimonies were received during the public comment period from September 22, 2017, to 5:00 p.m November 8, 2017.